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While the Old Mines Decay New Ones of Equal Richness are Discovered.

Montana's Yield Growing Larger, Making Up for the Decline in California.

Wonderful Discoveries Being Made by English Miners in the Transvanl Republic-The Ophir Mines."

The development of new supplies of all useful and precious metals happily illustrates the beautiful province of nature, which furnishes everything in exact proportion to human wants, and leaves their needs them, says the Louisville Courier turn of purchase price. On this safe plan Journal.

In all times gold coin has been a circulating medium, and its yearly product has been subject to more fluctuations than that of silver, which has had a fairly steady yield since the discovery of America and the opening of the great mines of either grand division. The wonderful increase of civilization in this country and the vastly civilization in this country and the vastly larger demand for both gold and silver as money and in the arts have caused some fear that the gold supply would become relatively too small, since the decline of the yield in California and Victoria. But the discovery of new gold fields, following the decay of the old, shows that nature has made no mistake, and if there is any trouble it will not be her fault.

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The California mines, while not exhausted and still yielding a considerable percentage of the world's output, are by ne means so rich as in the palmy days when they produced \$60,000,000 a year. But their decline has been accompanied by the rise of the Montana gold helds, where the development has been gradual, not sudden like that of California, but sufficiently great to indicate that in time Montana may yield more gold than was ever mined in California.

Like those of California, the Victorian gold mines of Australia have declined in importance, but in another part of Australia even richer veins of gold have been discovered. The importance of the mines in Queensland, within the line the tropics and a thousand miles away from those of Victoria, is yet hardly realized, although individual prospectors and powerful companies have been working them for several years. The production is increasing very rapidly and London experts estimate that it will this year amount to \$15,000,000, nearly double that of last year. The Mt. Morgan gold mine in Queensland is the richest ever discovered, and examinations have gone far enough to show that at least \$200,000,000 worth of the metal can be taken out, while the total may exceed this indefinitely.

The richest discoveries have been the last. It was known years ago throughout South Africa and to many in England that there was gold in the Transvaal republic, but the practical inaccessibility of the distant African state and the repressive policy of its Dutch inhabitants and rulers rendered experts for a while unable to obtain any knowledge concerning the extent and rich-

Dutch inhabitants and rulers rendered experts for a while unable to obtain any knowledge concerning the extent and richness of the deposits. Recently, despite opposition, the English in Natal and Cape Colony, allured by the reports of the mines, overwhelmed all opposition and entered the gold fields, which proved richer than their sanguine expectations had promised.

We have before alluded to these gold mines of the Transvaal Republic, which, owing to their vast distance from all centers of civilization and population, and the expense and difficulty requisite for reaching

expense and difficulty requisite for reaching them have not attracted in Europe and America the attention they deserve. Never-theless, it is now assured that they are as America the attention they deserve. Nevertheless, it is now assured that they are as rich or richer than those of California and Australia. The yield for the first six months of this year amounts to \$4,000,000, not an extraordinary sum but rapidly increasing, with the certainty of being doubled or tripled next year, and of being increased perhaps twenty times over in a half dozen years. A railroad has been built from the sea coast to Kimberley in the diamond fields, a distance of eight hundred miles, but the gold mines are several hundred miles further on, and the remainder of the distance has to be made in carts or bullock wagons across the desert under the hot sun, and the costly and heavy machinery required in the Transvaal mines has to be transported in the same manner. Nevertheless, Johannesburg, a town of 40,000 inhabitants, with all the improvements of modern civilization, has sprung up as the metropolis of the gold fields, and every ship that lands at Cape Town carries a load of miners for Johannesburg or the vicinity.

Some explorers from the Transvaal pushing further north into a country called Mashuna Land, inhabited by savage and warlike negroes, found evidences of gold. They were practical miners, and their examinations disclosed vains surressing in

They were practical miners, and their examinations disclosed veins surpassing in richness those of the Transvaal. They reported what they had seen, and despite the dangers from the natives, who were extremely hostile to the invasion of their country by whites, many miners from Jo-hannesburg entered Mashuna Land and fully confirmed the stories of their prede-cessors concerning the presence of gold in

cessors concerning the presence of gold in great quantities.

There are now many miners in Mashuna Land, and wonderful discoveries are being made. If half the tales sent back to England are true, nothing approaching the richness of these gold fields was ever before found. Enough has been verified to prove that they are one of the greatest mining discoveries of any time, and it will for a long time be impossible to calculate their extent.

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The development of the rich gold fields in the Transvual republic and Mashuna Land has started in England the theory that these were the mines of Ophir, from which Solomon obtained unlimited treasures for the adornment of the temple and the holy city. The idea was given life by the discovery of a few faint relics of ancient civilization, and the long current belief that Solomon's ships, when he needed gold, sailed somewhere away to the southwest to the African coast.

Rude to the Wrong Man. The following story is going the rounds of some of the New York clubs: Some time prior to the last national election Gen. Tracy, in the capacity of a private citizen, found occasion to call on Commodore Ramsay, commandant of the Brooklyn navy say, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, who at that time ranked as captain. The object of Gen. Tracy's visit is not known, though it is supposed to have referred to some political matter touching employes at the Brooklyn yard. Commodore Ramsey was at dinner when Gen. Tracy's card was sent up, and the latter patiently waited until some reply was sent down. This came in a very short time, and was to the effect that "Captain Ramsay was at dinner and could not see the gentleman." Without any attempt at explanation Gen. Tracy left the house. The other day, according to the story that has leaked out, Commodore Ramsay ran over to Washington to see Secretary Tracy in person and found the latter had just returned from his vacation. His business, which was of a personal nature, and of considerable importance to himself, caused the commodore to seek the secretary without

delay. Accordingly, in company with his friends, Commodore Ramsay proceeded to the secretary's domicile, sent up his card and those of his friends and impatiently awaited the coming of the secretary. In a very short time the servant made his appearance and respectfully addressing Commodore Ramsay informed the latter that "Secretary Tracy is at dinner, and can see neither Commodore Ramsay nor his friends."

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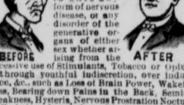
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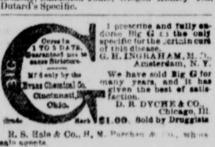
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